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Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :—"May I know what kinds of meats are sold in the shops that are considered objectionable by the Hindus?"

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"I pause for the answer."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"I have already stated that it is a matter with which the Government are not concerned, and it is for the Municipal Council to consider whether a meat stall could be allowed to continue there or not."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Since the municipality has not moved in the matter in spite of newspaper agitation and public meetings, may I appeal to the hon. the Chief Minister at least to care something or the susceptibilities of the Hindu population of Tiruvannamalai?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"Mr. President, the Government do not think that it is a case for their interference."

The distribution of taluk boards in each district.

* 32 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether every taluk in each district has a taluk board corresponding to it;

(*b*) if not, whether the Government have any idea of creating a taluk board for every taluk;

(*c*) how many taluk boards there are in Madura and Ramnad districts and whether the taluk boards correspond to the taluks in the districts;

(*d*) whether the right of electing their presidents is given to all the taluk boards in the two districts; and

(*e*) if not, the names of the taluk boards in which the president is nominated, and the reason for the same?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The Government will be prepared to consider applications on their merits.

(*c*) Four in each. The taluk boards do not correspond to the Revenue taluks.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) Melur, Usilampatti and Dindigul in the Madura district and Devakottai in the Ramnad district.

The Government were advised that in the best interests of the administration of these taluk boards it was desirable that the Presidents should be appointed by Government.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—"In regard to clause (*b*), may I know whether Government invited applications as to the creation of a board in every taluk?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"Government do not propose to invite applications."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—"What do they mean by 'applications' in the answer to clause (*b*)? Do they mean applications from taluk boards or people or somebody else?"

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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" When the people of a particular area apply to the Government to constitute a separate taluk board for that area, then the Government will consider the application on its merits."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Then, may I know whether the Government have received any such applications from the people in Ramnad and Madura districts ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I would require notice. I cannot answer that question off-hand."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Coming to the last clause (e), may I know by whom the Government were advised as to the nomination of certain taluk board presidents ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" By the authorities concerned."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" By the District Collector ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes ; and the President of the District Board."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" May I know whether the taluk boards were consulted in the matter ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU :—" With reference to the formation of taluk boards, may I ask the hon. the Chief Minister why, in spite of representation made by the taluk people of Rajahmundry, no action has been taken to differentiate the boards ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I doubt whether that question arises out of the answer given."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the taluk boards have been given the opportunity of saying whether or not they want an elected president ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes ; the taluk boards have opportunities to express their views on the subject."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what their views are ? "

Opening of roads by the District Board of Ramnad.

* 33 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any sanction was ever made by the District Board of Ramnad to construct a road between Virudunagar and Watrap through Nadyaneri village ;

(b) if so, why the work was not carried out ; and

(c) how many new roads have been opened by the District Board of Ramnad within the last five years with the names of the taluks in which they are opened ?